



467-4300 August 18, 2017

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

8/24: Back to School Night and Plant & Flower Show 5:45—7:00 Food Trucks, 6:30—7:30 Classroom visits

8/28: PTA meeting at Bunche at 6:30. Childcare will be available

8/30: School Picture Day—more information will be sent home soon

9/4: Labor Day—No School

9/14: NT Parent Training for ECHO at 5:00pm at Towles

9/14: New Parent Night for Montessori gr. 1-6 at 6:30pm at Towles (more information to come)

9/21: UN International Day of Peace

9/29: JA for a Day- students participate during school hours

**Bunche/ Towles PTA** needs your opinions and talents to help our school continue to grow and improve! Please consider volunteering to help with any of the upcoming events.



WE ARE YOUR SCHOOLS

**The 2017—18 school year is off to a great start.**

Teachers spent many hours over the last few weeks of summer preparing classrooms. Several of our elementary teachers spent their summer in Chicago furthering their own learning in the Montessori method. New Tech teachers attended the New Tech Conference in St. Louis. All of this preparation paid off as students arrived at school on August 15 smiling and ready to see their teachers and friends.

Towles has a few new faces. In the office, Mrs. Beaty has joined us as our new Attendance/ New Tech secretary. There are also several new teachers at Towles this year: Amanda Pressler (9-12 cluster), Meg Ryan (Special Ed), and Lauren Smith (8th grade Social Studies). Leslie Lizarraga has joined the New Tech program as 8th grade Science teacher, following many years teaching in the Montessori program. We are also excited to welcome back two former Towles teachers. Laura Sturm has returned as the Instructional coach for grades 1-6. Sally Benjamin-Butler rejoined the New Tech team to teach 7th grade Social Studies.

Many new students and families have chosen Towles this year. We welcome you and look forward to getting to know you. We hope to see our new and returning families at Back to School Night on Thursday, August 24.

The Towles Newsletter will be sent home at the end of each month. Beginning at the end of September, the newsletter will be sent to families through the email each family provided at registration. This is done as a convenience to families. If you would prefer a paper copy continue to be sent home, please let your child's teacher know.

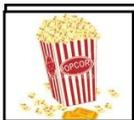
## Back to School Night and Flower Show August 24

This year, PTA has arranged for several Food Trucks vendors to be at our school from 5:45-7:00 during Back to School Night. Families can purchase dinner and chat with other Towles families prior to visiting classrooms from 6:30—7:30.

We will also have our Plant and Flower Show that day. Last spring, students were given a plant from the PTA and the Botanical Society. Students are encouraged to bring back those plants, flowers, and vegetables to enter in the show. Students should bring their plants the morning of Aug 24 for judging. Plants will be on display that evening during Back to School Night.

### Volunteers

There is a new volunteer process for FWCS. Parents wishing to volunteer in classrooms or go on field trips will now apply through an online process which involves a background check. The process takes approximately 15 days to complete, so please keep this in mind as you plan to volunteer for classroom events and field trips. Please contact your child's teacher if you are interested in becoming a volunteer.



### POPCORN FRIDAYS

**Sept. 1 Regular**  
Assigned Class:  
Collins

**Sept. 8 Cheese**  
Assigned Class:  
Coverstone

**Sept. 15 Regular**  
Assigned class:  
Crisler

**Sept. 22 Caramel**  
Assigned class:  
Dollarhite

**PTA is in need of  
Volunteers to pop  
popcorn each Friday  
morning!**

### Popcorn

Popcorn Fridays will begin Friday, Sept. 1. Students may purchase popcorn for 50 cents a bag. Each week a class is assigned to help provide four parent volunteers to pop popcorn and students to help distribute it to classrooms. Please consider volunteering when your child's class is assigned.

PTA is also looking for volunteers who are willing to learn the process and help each week. We have had many parents who originally volunteered for just their student's class and joined the weekly team. Come give it a try!

FORT WAYNE  
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
Dr. Wendy Robinson,  
Superintendent

### TOWLES INTERMEDIATE MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY & NEW TECH MIDDLE SCHOOL

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### TOWLES MISSION STATEMENT

Towles Montessori Elementary & New Tech Middle School, through the Montessori & New Tech philosophies, develops peaceful world-class citizens who have an intrinsic love of learning and a desire for academic excellence.

### FWCS MISSION STATEMENT

Fort Wayne Community Schools educates all students to high standards enabling them to become productive, responsible citizens.

### FWCS VISION STATEMENT

Fort Wayne Community Schools will be the school system of choice and a source of community pride.

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